(Badaun), Hardoi, Kiddualwala, Gumaniwala, Tyuni (Dehradun), Kadarchow, (Badeun) & Sultanpur at an expenditure of Rs. 31,42,170/-

(e) From the current financial year Melas are to be organised only by District Branches of Indian Medical Association, Rotary/Lion Club and District Red Cross Society.

These will be organised at a distance less than 25 Kms from the District Headquarter i.e. ideal side for a Mela would be adjoining PHC Campus where surgeries, diagnostic procedures, Lad Test etc. can be easily performed or facilities made available conveniently. These could also be rural hospitals/CHCs/Taluk Hospitals/Block Level hospitals etc.

(f) No Swasthya Mela was organised by these Agencies in U.P. during 1996-97.

[English]

Indian Fishermen

2365. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have expressed serious concern at the tragic loss of life of two Indian fishermen caused due to the firing on an Indian fishing vessel by the Sri Lankan Navy on May 11, 1997;

(b) if so, whether this concern to Colombo was made only after it admitted the occurrence of the tragedy in Sri Lankan waters;

(c) if so, the reactions of the Sri Lankan Government; and

(d) whether any compensation was demanded from the Shri Lankan Government and, if so, to what extent they have agreed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. Government's serious concern at the incident of firing on an Indian vessel on May 11, 1997, which led to the unfortunate death of two fishermen, was conveyed by the High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka to the Sri Lankan Government immediately upon receiving reports about the occurrence of the incident, and before the Sri Lankan Government acknowledged the occurrence of the incident.

(c) and (d) At Government's request, the Sri Lankan Government carried out a detailed investigation into the incident. Following an enquiry, it was conveyed to us, through our High Commission in Colombo, that the fishing vessel had been fired upon only after it had approached Thammanna Naval Base and after it had refused to heed warnings. In view of the circumstances explained by the Government of Sri Lanka, Government have not demanded compensation.

Eye Infection

2366. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether some of the patients who developed severe post operative eye infection at Rajendra Prasad Eye Centre of AIIMS have turned blind;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WALFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) In October 1995, out of 11 cases where in post operative infection developed, in 8 cases the infection was controlled. In 3 cases, the infection could not be controlled and vision could not be restored.

(c) and (d) The matter has been throughly enquired into. However, the source of infection could not be traced. The overall anti-infective measures are being taken care of in adequate manner.

[Translation]

MPLADS

2367. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received complaints regarding the irregularities in the appropriation of funds under the Member of Parliament Local Areas Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken against those who are responsible for such irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) to (c) Some complaints relating to alleged irregularities in the